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By ZE'EV LAQUER

Indian PoW Chief Says Prisoners Misinformed

ONE hundred years ago this week the Crimean War began. The background of this war is associated with Jerusalem, as readers will remember. With the sabre rattling now going on in some of the less stable neighbouring countries and talk about the internationalization of this city, it is of interest to turn to the description of this background in a New York newspaper—in 1853.

Kashmir Leader Sees Anglo-US Conspiracy

STRENGTHENING the Indian Commission, General Thimayya, Prime Minister of Kashmir, today accused Britain and the U.S. of conspiring to get a foothold in Kashmir "through the back door—via Pakistan." But, he added, "they have sadly miscalculated, and our determined efforts have foiled their game."

He was addressing a National Conference (Government Party) convention in the village of Sura, near here.

To Fight Enslavement

The Premier said that if Kashmir acceded to Pakistan, no one would gain except the foreign powers who are Pakistan's props. We will fight any country—including Pakistan—that tries to enslave us in the name of Islam.

The future of Kashmir could not be decided by the counting of heads of Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs and Buddhists, but by "overriding considerations of economy, ideology and culture," he said.

In Madrid today Indian Prime Minister Nehru told the West that though Asia might not have atomic bombs she had strength "to resist being pushed about by this side or that."

Independent Asia

Speaking at a meeting, he said: "The old idea that the countries of Asia would not be independent in the foreseeable future had not completely disappeared from Western minds. Mr. Nehru added that, during her six years of independence, India had achieved a position of respect in the world through her honest policies, which she had followed free from the domination of fear which dominated the policies of even strong nations.

Japan Seeks Normal Ties with Indonesia

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Katsuji Okazaki arrived here from Manila today for a week-long visit in an effort to pave the way for the establishment of normal relations between Japan and Indonesia at the earliest possible time.

His party includes five other Japanese diplomats and a group of newsmen. Okazaki's chief mission is to find out whether Indonesia wants a separate peace treaty with Japan or agrees to the San Francisco treaty which it signed but not yet been ratified.

He will also discuss the reparations issue with the Indonesians. An official Indonesian source said that the reparations wanted by his country, according to a rough preliminary calculation, were in the neighbourhood of \$3,500.

Rishon Line Saved Tel Aviv, Cairo Says

The Rishon leZion defences prevented the Egyptian Army from occupying Tel Aviv and throwing the Jews into the sea, a spokesman of the Egyptian Revolutionary Council said in Cairo last night, according to ANA.

The spokesman was commenting on the trial of Abdul Hady who was condemned to death on Thursday for, *inter alia*, having sent Egyptian forces into the Palestine War without sufficient preparation.

The occupation of the Southern Negev and the Gaza "Falem" was simple, he said. But, our equipment too poor and our ammunition too meagre to pierce the strong lines at Rishon leZion.

The spokesman blamed the "dishonest" Government of that time for buying poor arms at high prices.

SYRIA CRITICAL

DAMASCUS, Saturday (UPI).—The Syrian press today criticized the death sentence imposed on Ibrahim Abdul Hady, former Egyptian Prime Minister, by Egypt's Revolution Tribunal.

A statement from the Israel Embassy here said that the formal application was made by Mr. David Harowitz, Governor-Designate of the Israel State Bank, and Dr. A.E. Lewin, First Secretary (Financial) to the Embassy.

Saves Friend from River

TIBERIAS, Saturday.—Seventeen-year-old Arye Kaplan of Nazanya saved his friend from death on Friday when he pulled him from the fast-flowing Dan stream to rescue him. The boys were part of a group of Nazanya students visiting Tel el Kadi near the Lebanese border.

The boy fell into the water near a dam and a strong current pulled him towards the waterfalls and rocks. Seeing his friend lose consciousness, Arye jumped in, though currents were strong, and took him to the bank. The boy who was taken to the Dan settlement for first aid.

New School Term Begins Today

School begins today throughout the country. Israel's pupils—from first grade to teachers' seminaries—will return to their classrooms after the summer holiday with elementary school students starting for the first time in kindergartens.

The town's kindergartens will open on Sunday. They are awaiting final instructions from the Government.

The Government has approved 46 schools as belonging to the Agudat Israel trend, following declarations by parents, it was announced. The situation in six other schools is being clarified. Last week, there were 106 Agudat Israel schools.

In Haifa, 18,000 children will

MAC Sides With Israel on Auja Settlement

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter GIVAT RAHEL, the recently established kibbutz in the Nitzana demilitarized zone, constituted no breach of the Israeli-Egyptian Armistice Agreement, the Mixed Armistice Commission meeting in Nitzana ruled yesterday.

The Chairman of the M.A.C., however, voted with the Egyptians to rule that no police be allowed in the new settlement.

General Mark Clark, Supreme Commander, remarked: "I don't agree with that at all."

At a Tokyo airport interview on his return from a two-day visit to Korea.

A letter from the Indian Chairman of the Commission, General Thimayya, to the U.N. Command denied the charge that the document is "a statement of policy which both sides to repatriation rather than making a free and independent choice."

He said that assurances had been given by the U.N. Command that the prisoners had received explanations regarding their status under the Armistice Agreement.

However, he added, "it soon became clear that in doing so, the U.N. Command had given an interpretation of the terms of reference of the prisoner agreement which was not acceptable to the Commission."

When the prisoners were delivered to the Indian custodians for repatriation, Gen. Thimayya continued, they had "insufficient understanding—they also appeared to be misinformed by some interested party about a number of matters."

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Amid the misapprehensions, he added, was the impression that they will be released after 90 days instead of 120. The prisoners also apparently have been informed that they could go to Formosa at the end of detention whereas "under the terms of reference they have the right to go to any neutral country."

Because this created misapprehensions and added to the difficulties of the Commission, a committee was set up to draft addenda to the prisoner agreement.

The final draft was approved unanimously by its Czech, Polish, Swiss, Swedish and Indian members, Gen. Thimayya stressed.

The interpretation of the terms of reference, the Indian general said, "rests with the Commission."

Meanwhile, the U.N. Command today turned down the Repatriation Commission's request that the 90-day agreed period for explanations to prisoners be extended. They were due to start for five days because of disagreement over facilities. There have still not begun.

The Commission is urging that the 90-day period should start from the day on which explanations begin, but the U.N. Command in its reply insisted that it end on December 24 as originally decided, as "we cannot be a party to breaking faith with the Cairo rulers and their need to prepare popular successes."

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There should be international tribunals with neutral judges in appropriate cases, he said.

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	A	B	C	D
Mr. Casman	21	20	20	19
Haifa	21	24	20	19
Nazareth	22	24	20	19
Tel Aviv	20	21	22	21
Lydda Airport	24	19	21	22
Jerusalem	20	18	21	21
Eilat	20	11	22	21

* At Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum. C) Maxima. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

A SCHOOL of the Law was missing after the driver was taken from the Ark of the Tabernacle synagogue in Jerusalem for Simhat Torah services on Wednesday evening. Valued at IL 2000 it was brought from Warsaw 20 years ago.

THE ONLY HOTEL in Eilat, the Yam Suf, which was closed by the authorities some months ago due to unsatisfactory conditions, was re-opened on Friday after IL 2000 was spent on repair and remodelling.

A YOUNG MAID and her four children were forcibly removed by policemen on Fri. when they staged a sit-down strike in front of a camp in an Army camp in the coast plain, protesting the Army's refusal to release her husband of Reserve duty.

CHOOSE THYSES broke into the shop of Mrs. Zilberman in Rehov Hefetz Haim in Petah Tikva on Friday night and made off after selecting 100 pairs of the best shoes, valued at IL 2000.

BEGINNING today, the Jerusalem Municipal Ga-Jening Department will distribute vegetable plants, daily at the plant nursery on Mamillah Road (opposite the U.S. Consulate) 8-8 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

THE ESHED Bus Cooperative announces that the absence of a number of its personnel on leave may cause some disruption in traffic for the next few days.

THE PUBLICATION of the 2,000th issue of the Communist daily "Kol Ha'am" was celebrated at a festive gathering arranged by the Tel Aviv branch of Maki at the Beth Ha'am cinema hall on Friday night.

Naphtali: High Standard Must Be Reduced

Zelinger Replaces Schiff TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The appointment of District Superintendent Avraham Zelinger to head the Criminal Division at police headquarters in succession to Mr. Yaakov Schiff, who has resigned, was announced here yesterday.

Mr. Zelinger was formerly Commander of the Tiberias District, which will now be taken over by Mr. Avraham Klapper, Deputy Commander of the Jerusalem District. The latter post will be filled by Mr. Yaakov Ravid, hitherto Commander of the Border Police and which, as a unit, has been disbanded and its sections attached to each police district.

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In the course of his speech, the Minister voiced his opposition to alteration in the basic wage rates, but his belief that the cost-of-living allowance should be maintained.

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Livneh on Foreign Policy Addressing a Mapai district conference here this morning, Mr. E. Livneh, M.K., said that Israel's foreign policy was in need of reexamination. Discussing infiltration, which he claimed was being used by the Arabs as a political weapon against Israel, Mr. Livneh stated that only acts of repudiation would do the Arabs. Only when the number of Arab complaints to the Armistice Commissions rose to three times ours would there be quiet on the borders.

The relations between Israel and World Jewry were also in need of thorough revision now that the "catastrophic immigration" of those without a Zionist background had come to an end. This wave of immigration had been assisted by Jewish communities whose connection with the community was wholly philanthropic. It was essential that our attention be focused on these same communities and that all efforts be made to increase emigration from them.

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Personal Notices

Kaete & Amos Bernhard Freimann ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF A SON on Saturday, October 5, 1951, of the Sha'are Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem.

Tomorrow, October 5, at 8:30 p.m. in "Merkaz LeHinuch" Hall, 5 Rehov Reines, Tel Aviv

A MEMORIAL MEETING will take place in memory of the President of our Organization

DR. MENHOLD NUSSBAUM '21

Irgun Olei Mercaz Europa

Defendant Hides In Consulate

An application that the police be ordered to search the Belgian Consulate General in Jerusalem and arrest the Consulate's driver was filed on Friday by Mr. A. Shlomo, Relieving President of the Jerusalem District Court.

The application was opposed by a representative of the Attorney General on the ground that such action would be contrary to international law, and accepted. Mr. Mack, on behalf of the driver, also pleaded that the arrest should not be carried out in the precincts of the Consulate.

Warrant in August

The warrant for the arrest of the Belgian driver was issued last August when he failed to appear to determine the amount of payment to be made relative to his financial situation, after the judge had ordered him to pay IL 30,000 to Shabtai's heirs.

The police, however, were refused entry into the Consulate where the driver resides. Thereupon placed a guard outside the building in order to detain him when he came out, but Roger Hayan has never appeared.

LEGION KILLS ARAB BOY

The body of a Jordanian youth, which was transferred to Israeli authorities on Thursday by Arab Legionnaires after they shot him in the belief that he was an Israeli, was identified on Friday by his parents, from Beit Jalla, who were permitted to enter Israel for this purpose.

Arab sources state that the boy was shot twice, in the head and back, at point blank range.

The youth, Adnan Alkayal, 15, tried to cross into Jordan near Beit Safafa, and, according to Legionnaires, was killed when he refused to halt.

Shot by Br.

NAZARETH, Saturday. — A bullet from a pistol which his older brother was playing killed four-year-old Omar Naphtali of Kafr Kanna, yesterday. The brother aged 18, was competing tomorrow.

Finals for Youth

In the finals for youths under 18, Eliezer Davidman won the Menora Cup and retained the young champion title (which he had held for three years) when he defeated Pen, 6-2, 8-6 today.

The visiting Cyprus soccer team, APOL, defeated Haifa Hapoel, 3-2, in a Friendly Game in Haifa today. Scores in other friendly games today were: Tel Aviv Maccabi-Nahovot Maccabi 2-0, Ramat Gan Hapoel-Petaḥ Tikva Maccabi 2-1.

In the official games of the Second Division football teams Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda beat Mishmar Hashva Hapoel 3-0; Jerusalem Bnei Rehovot Shaarayim Maccabi 2-1; Jaffa Maccabi-Haifa Hakoah 2-1; Jaffa Maccabi-Ramat Gan 2-1. In Haifa, Maccabi France beat Maccabi Haifa 38-36 in basketball.

Chief of U.S. Cultural Activities Arrives

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — The standard of living has to be lowered if our dependence on foreign resources is to end, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Pe'er-Naphtali, told a Mapai gathering here last night.

Over half the capital entering the country was expended on current consumption; that is, the maintenance of our high standard of living. But the uncertainty of the supply of this capital required better use of what we received; its investment in development projects would slowly correct the faults in the economy.

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'Herut' Reporter Gets 18 Months

JERUSALEM POST BUREAU

HAIFA, Saturday. — Beniamin Hartman, 21, Betar member and "Herut" reporter in Haifa, who was caught with the bomb, with a time bomb on September 6, was sentenced to 18 months in prison by District Court President Y. Aszulai here yesterday.

The bomb was to have been a protest against the British Aggression. According to Hartman, he had planned to blow up two charges of carrying a bomb and conspiring with unknown persons to commit a crime and cause damage.

District Attorney L. Rahimovitz told the court that Hartman, who had been wounded by his nervous movements, was arrested and quickly confessed, giving full details on his admissions.

The time bombs contained one-and-a-half kilograms of T.N.T. and was all set except for the clock mechanism.

It was not of an anti-personnel type.

Family Background

Hartman read a prepared statement in Court, in which he described his family background — a lonely unhappy childhood. After his Army service, his father had prevented his marrying, and relations be-

tween them became strained.

In that frame of mind, he was easy prey for those who talked him into committing the crime. He felt his despair and anguish leave him, and he confessed everything to the police. He would henceforth keep away from politics, seek better relations at home and get married.

Superintendent of Police Y.

Prig. of the Court, the head of the Police, in the name of the State, had exploited his press card.

"Every citizen is free to do as he pleases as long as he does not harm others or break the Law,"

The Court must deal strictly with offenders against the State,

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THE Jordan stream is being muddled by sordid Syrian propaganda over a constructive hydroelectric project at the Bnot Ya'akov Bridge.

MUD AND DUST and in the North, South, the Egyptians have raised the dust over an outpost of civilization there, in the shape of an agricultural settlement of ours near Aujeh el Hafir.

As for the former, the Government of Israel has intimated that if the U.N. Chief of Staff desires to inquire into the ownership of the land on which the Bnot Ya'akov project is being carried out or into the water rights, and if for the purpose of the inquiry he requires the work to be suspended for a fixed period, his wishes will be met.

In the South as the instructive message from our correspondent points out, an Egyptian claim of frontier violations has been turned down by the MAC. The Commission at the same time has taken exception to the way Beduin who had no right to be there had been sent back to where they had come, and has directed the Chairman to see to it that there are no formalities in the demilitarized zone.

The facts in connection with Aujeh el Hafir are well known and uncomplicated. When the Armistice agreement was drawn up with Egypt, the Aujeh el Hafir zone was marked out for demilitarization. No provision was made for the restoration of civilian life, such as characterized the other Armistice agreements, for the simple reason that there was none such at the time. Subsequently, some Beduin infiltrated into the area, harried Israel water surveyors and other peaceful citizens, and those who could not establish their Israel citizenship were ordered to go. The post at Aujeh el Hafir itself, which serves as the HQ of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission, is staffed each alternate fortnight by Israeli or Egyptian forces. Recently, strictly within the Israel frontier, an agricultural settlement was established. This is purely civilian; law and order is preserved by police patrols. Israel has invited the chairman of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission to make a full investigation of this point, well ahead, it will be noted, of the MAC meeting on Friday.

It will be seen that no basis exists in fact for the Egyptian charge of a violation of the Armistice agreement. The reason for its fabrication lies in the recent incident manufactured by Syria in connection with the Jordan scheme. It is unfortunate that General Bennike should have ruled on the question of Israel's right to development in the demilitarized areas — a ruling challenged by Israel as being political, at variance with policy defined by his predecessor, outside the scope of the Armistice agreements, and likely to bring into question any work of development at all inside Israel. This has now obviously happened, and it is to be feared that any new settlement, within the vicinity of the borders of Israel, may be used as a target of a made-to-order agitation like the present dust storm raised by Egypt. This is undoubtedly as distasteful to the Chairman of the United Nations' Truce Supervision Organization in his genuine search for a solution of Israel's border troubles as it is abominable to this country.

In the face of such a campaign the task of the United Nations' observers to remain objective is made very difficult, as is the obligation upon Israel to present its side of the case. One fact remains crystal clear in all this fog of prevarication and unscrupulous invention, and this is Israel's standing offer to discuss all points at issue with each and every one of the Arab States in order to arrive at a peaceful solution of present prob-

AMERICA'S NEWEST ALLY

Political Insurance in Backward Spain

By RICHARD MOWBRAY

MADRID.—AMERICA'S new ally is strategically important, economically weak, and politically "authoritarian." Its people, 28 million of them, are a proud, obstinate, emotional race so passionately nationalist that they would prefer oppression under a Spanish tyrant to foreign interference, no matter how repellent. There are other people like that; the Spanish show it more.

The deal with Spain, which gives the United States the right to use naval and air bases there in exchange for economic and military aid, was motivated by strategic considerations. It is a gap in the West's defence structure, a gap which would assume alarming proportions if the Red Army overran France. Spain is important because it dominates the straits of Gibraltar, a channel vital to the Mediterranean.

Should the Straits be closed to the West in the war, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Italy and most of the Middle East would be cut off from American support and lost. In the last war, the fact that Hitler's army stopped at the Pyrenees, made possible the Allies' invasion of Southern France and the Balkans. In addition, they can thus much more defend in depth, naval bases out of reach of the Soviet tactical air force (at least in the initial stages of a conflict) and alternate bases for heavy bombers stationed in French Morocco.

The advantage of concluding the alliance now instead of later is that it gives both parties time to prepare in advance against the threatening storm. Spain certainly needs the time. The build-up of her defence potential is hampered because of a chronically ailing economy, that worsens or improves, depending on the vagaries of world markets, and usually it doesn't. Agriculture suffers for lack of irrigation and industry runs out of electric power.

The standing Army, 350,000 strong, has good human material but needs up-to-date training and is woefully deficient in modern equipment and transportation (it still uses Russian ZIS trucks of civil war vintage, a fact that speaks well of the Spaniards' maintenance capabilities, or of the trucks, or both).

The Air Force is negligible. The Navy is small. It will take time and sustained injections of American aid to transform Spain into a physical ally of France.

Provisional Measure

The accords with Spain are, therefore, a precautionary measure, a taking out of insurance to keep the Mediterranean open and the American Sixth Fleet within effective striking range of Southern France and the Balkans. In addition, they can thus much more defend in depth, naval bases out of reach of the Soviet tactical air force (at least in the initial stages of a conflict) and alternate bases for heavy bombers stationed in French Morocco.

Since then, the controlled press has been instrumental in its way to find ideological affinities where there are some. In March, the paper "ABC" nostalgically recalled the founding by Hitler in 1939 of Monsignor Joseph Tiso's fascist state of Slovakia. On April 28, tenth anniversary of Mussolini's death, "Arrabbi" carried a memorial notice. On July 25 the same paper published a front-page picture of the Duke with a laudatory caption.

Protestant Issue

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